

Creative Writing Syllabus

This class is based around creating original works of fiction and some non-fiction. We will be working from different types of fiction so that you will get a broad range of experience of creative writing, as well as get a little taste of everything to help you figure out what medium you like best. The end product will be a portfolio of finished original pieces that you created from a variety of genres and types of the written art form.

The following are a few of the types of mediums we will be working in:

- Poetry
 - Online Poetry Contest
 - Class Poetry Anthology
- Creative Non-Fiction
- Short Stories
- Final Projects

We will also be learning about the elements of fiction and writing, including but not limited to:

- Character Development
- Plot Structure
- Elements of Literature
- Voice
- Point of View
- Showing vs. Telling
- Tone
- REVISION

You will also be learning to edit and revise original written pieces. This is a large part of writing creatively and must be taken seriously. You will work in groups to revise, edit and rewrite what you have written. Remember that one mark of a good writer is the ability to critique your own work as well as graciously accept any constructive criticism that you're given and make the changes.

Part of the class will also be used to study literature in the different areas of creative writing in order to become better writers ourselves. However, this does NOT give any student the right to plagiarize!!

Plagiarism is a serious offense and any student caught doing so will face the consequences without exception.

You will have a journal exercise every day when you come to class which will be turned in and graded at the mid-term and final periods. The point of journaling is to brainstorm ideas and get your mind and writing flowing. Do not skimp on this part or you are short changing yourself. But if that isn't a proper motivation, this is for a grade and failure to follow the correct procedures as explained by the teacher will result in a lower grade for this assignment.

Grading is weighted and all assignments will fall under three categories:

- Classwork: 30%
- Rough Drafts: 30%
- Final Drafts: 40%

I do allow electronic devices in my classroom for specific uses and even encourage students to bring music players with headphones. However, texting during class is still not allowed and any student who uses their electronic device outside of the times when Miss Romito has given permission will still face the consequences. Also, bringing any electronic device is AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Miss Romito's contact information is: hromito@buhisd.org, 623-474-0230 or you can always check my website at <http://romitoyoungker.wikispaces.com>. This fall semester I do NOT have a prep period, so if you are looking for missing assignments, check my website. If you want to get a hold of me, my email address is the best way to contact me. I will have little to no time to talk on the phone or return phone calls.